

Executive Committee Meeting
Tuesday, December 16, 2014
at East Park Community Center
600 Woodland Street, Nashville, TN 37206

Present: Diane Kuhn, Kirby Davis, Megan Barry, Renee Pratt, Wendell Segroves,
Staff: Will Connelly, Judy Tackett, Karri Simpson, Deon Trotter

The meeting began at 8:30 a.m.

Minutes

The minutes of the November 18, 2014 meeting were approved. Kirby Davis made the motion; Wendell Segroves seconded. All approved.

Financial Report and Budget

Rhonda Pedley reported that approval was received to move \$10,000 from general funds was moved to How's Nashville to pay for a cold weather coordinator. Diane Kuhn asked that Rhonda find out why this position is being paid for out of How's Nashville fund vs. Commission funds.

Project Homeless Connect spent \$6,622. There is currently \$7,849 left in the budget and another event, focused on families, will be held in the spring.

How's Nashville collected \$6,000 in donations the past month and spend \$15,000. Through the end of November the net total is \$82,658.17. An additional \$10,000 donation was received from the Kate and Thomas Frist foundation that was not accounted for in the month's budget report.

CDBG funds spent through the end of November total \$21,104..

Rhonda Pedley is Pam's replacement. Pam is retiring and her last day is Friday.

Director's Report

- **Strategic Planning:** Three proposal from nationally respected firms, focused on governance, performance of contracts, and aligning the CoC and Commission, were received. Currently evaluating submissions.
- **CES:** The CES subcommittee met last week and set a "switch on" date for July 1, 2015. A smaller implementation team will begin meeting weekly in the New Year. This team is approximately 10 people.
- **CABHI:** Two proposals were submitted through the RFP process; Centerstone and Park Center respectively. A meeting is scheduled for December 22nd to review the proposals. Currently both organizations have other contracts with the Metro Homelessness Commission.
- **Zero 2016:** Currently a team from Silicon Valley is working to upgrade the current Google Doc system to a free platform that will help the Commission staff manage the navigation and housing match processes. The design team visited Nashville last week to train staff and gain feedback on the system.

A group of veteran service providers have agreed to use the upgraded system to identify all veterans experiencing literal homelessness, along with those receiving HUD-VASH vouchers,

SSVF assistance, or participating in GPD services in Nashville. Additionally shelter providers are going to complete VI-SPDAT assessments on veterans identified.

- **Point in Time:** This year's Point in Time (PIT) count will be held on January 22nd. Commission staff are working with Suzie Tolmie at MDHA to help organize the unsheltered portion of the count. The number of individuals identified last year was around 2200; it was very cold that evening, so this number largely represents a sheltered count.
- **Cold Weather Report:** A meeting with the Mayor's office was held to look at what happens if level 4, within the plan, is declared. The Office of Emergency Management is currently working on a plan. If necessary they can and are planning to open a shelter. Concerns were expressed regarding the scarcity of beds if/when temperatures stay below freezing for several days in a row.

MTA has been working with Commission staff to develop a transportation plan and electronic bus cards designated for chronically homeless individuals should be received soon. Due to legal stipulations, individual cards will not be tracked, however MTA will submit a weekly report to indicate if the cards are being used appropriately; cards are only to be used during level 2 or higher.

For families that don't want to separate or persons with pets, there is still a need for shelter space. Crates and supplies for pets have been provided, but there is currently no shelter space available. Space for approximately 30 people is needed.

- **Hospital to Homes:** An ask was made for a multidisciplinary team to start a pilot project at General Hospital that can hopefully be duplicated at other hospitals throughout Nashville. Two gaps were identified, including completing a VI-SPDAT assessment as quickly as possible and the lack of a database needed to track individuals in their progress and transition from the hospital to a home. A budget is needed to staff a coordinator position.

Contract Evaluation Subcommittee

Wendell Segroves reported that the group is learning the process and goals of the commission, working to see if the contract work aligns.

Homeless Memorial Day

Wendell Segroves reported that there was a great turnout in community support. As of December 13, 56 individuals experiencing homelessness lost their lives this year.

Announcements

Will Connelly stated that there used to be a transportation stipend for Commissioners experiencing homelessness and that Wendell Segroves, who currently serves on the full board, the executive committee, and the contract evaluation subcommittee would like to receive this assistance. All commissioners agreed this should be offered to Wendell and any other commissioners who qualify.

Renee Pratt announced that the budget for the Commission was approved by the Metro Social Services board, along with the proposal to cut contracts if the Mayor asks for overall budget cuts.

Megan Barry motioned to adjourn the meeting; Diane Kuhn seconded. The meeting was adjourned at 9:30 a.m.

The next full Commission Meeting will be held on Friday, January 9 at 9:30 a.m. at the Howard Office Building.

The next Executive Committee meeting will be on Tuesday, January 20 at 8:30 a.m. at Metro Social Services.